part of their line, under such terms as may be agreed upon by the respective companies interested."

Pending the consideration of this amendment, on motion the House adjourned till to-morrow 10½ o'clock.

TWENTY-THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, Dec. 13th, 1873.

The House was called to order by the Speaker at $10\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock. The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Watson, the use of the Hall, next Wednesday evening, was granted to Dr. Edwards.

The following named petitions were introduced, read, and referred:

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

By Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg: From citizens of Princeton, Johnston county, asking that the law prohibiting the sale of liquor in that locality, be repealed.

By Mr. Johnston: From citizens of Buncombe and Mc-Dowell counties, asking for an extension of the charter of the Turnpike Road from Old Fort, in Buncombe, to Flat Creek, in McDowell county.

Reports from Standing Committees were submitted with recommendations, as follows:

From the Committee on the Judiciary:

By Mr. Bennett, H. B. No. 245: A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 15, chapter 105, Battle's Revisal; that it do not pass.

H. B. No. 246: A bill to be entitled an act to amend section